

INDIANA COMMISSION ON
PROPRIETARY EDUCATION

DEGREE REGULATIONS

570 IAC 1-10.1-4 Associate degrees

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Sec. 4. Associate Degrees. An Associate Degree may be awarded by an accredited institution to a student who has successfully completed an approved course of study comprised of a minimum of:

- (A) 96 Quarter hours; or
- (B) 64 Semester hours; or
- (C) 960 Clock hours.

- (1) Associate of Applied Science. This award is conferred upon a student who has successfully completed an approved course of study in a vocational program. The objectives of the program should emphasize the fact that the end result of the training shall be that the graduate possesses those job skills required for entry level employment in the specialty. **The curriculum shall provide for a minimum of 75% in the specialty.** This requirement applies to the minimum of 96-quarter hours, 64 semester hours, or 960 clock hours. This degree does not require the inclusion of general studies courses, but general studies courses may be a part of the program.

Additional Standards: Staff. The additional Standards for the award of the Associate in Applied Science degree are:

- (a) **One third of the teaching staff** in the program shall hold a higher degree, master's degree, a first professional degree, baccalaureate degree plus five (5) years practical experience in the specialty, or an excess of ten (10) years practical experience in the specialty.
 - (b) **Two-thirds of the teaching staff** in the program shall maintain the following minimum qualifications:
 - (1) a degree relevant to the specialty from an accredited two or four year collegiate institution; or
 - (2) five (5) years documented practical experience in the specialty; or
 - (3) a minimum of two (2) years documented practical experience in the specialty and relevant training in the specialty.
- (2) Associate in Arts or Associate in Science. The Associate in arts or the Associate in Science degree has the same requirements as those specified for the Associate degree in general. The intent of the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science degree is that such a degree may be a terminal or a transfer award. **The curriculum shall be comprised of a minimum of 50% in the specialty. At least 35% of the remaining courses shall be in the liberal arts.** (This requirement applies to the minimum levels of 96 quarter, 64 semester, or 960 clock hours. Programs of longer duration shall not be required to increase the liberal arts component beyond these minimum requirements.)

Additional Standards: Staff. The additional Standards for the award of the Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science degree are:

- (a) **a minimum of fifty percent 50%** of the instructors in the program shall hold a master's degree, a first professional degree or a higher degree. **The remainder shall hold baccalaureate degrees; or**
 - (b) the institution may be evaluated in comparison with similar institutions or programs in the public or private sector of postsecondary education.
- (Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education; PTX, 10.04; filed Mar 7, 1979, 3:31 pm; 2 IR 475; errata, 6 IR 1938)

570 IAC 1-10.1-5 Associate degree library/instructional resource center

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Sec. 5. Additional Standards: Library/Instructional Resource Center. The Associate Degree Library or Instructional Resource Center shall hold an adequate number of volumes of current professional material, such as textbooks, periodicals and research studies related to the Associate Degree specialty. In addition, access to other library facilities in close geographic proximity to the school is desirable. The Library/Institutional Resource Center facilities will be evaluated as to the kind and type of institution to be appraised. The Commission shall decide competent Library/Instructional Resource Center facilities on an individual basis, since each institution's unique roll will dictate the needs of the Library/Instructional Resource Center and other resources available.

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570 IAC 1-10.1-6 Advanced degrees

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Sec. 6. Advanced Degrees. Awards of Advanced Degrees, such as the baccalaureate, master's, first professional or doctoral degrees, shall be treated as an "exception." Each request will be thoroughly studied and reviewed by the Commission before permission is granted to award such a degree(s). Proposed programs will be evaluated by the standards of similar programs in public or private postsecondary institutions.

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570 IAC 1-10.1-7 Duration of degree award authorization

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Sec. 7. Degree Award Duration. The authorization for the degree award shall be issued for a five-year period. Degree programs will be reviewed by the Commission at least every five (5) years and the renewal of degree award authority for a subsequent five (5) year period will be considered by the Commission in the fourth year of the initial degree award period.

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570 IAC 1-10.1-8 Revocation or suspension of degree award authorization

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Sec. 8. Revocation/Suspension. Degree authority may be revoked or suspended by the Commission if an institution is not in continual compliance with the Rules and Regulations covering the degree award period.

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